cannot agree with the Hon'ble Member that there is any breach of privilege.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the answering of the questions, Government are in the habit of leaving unanswered a large number of inconvenient questions.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— No. The question is asked about the number of admitted questions. Government has admitted all the questions.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Is the Government maintaining a register showing the number of questions admitted, number of questions disallowed and so on ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Personally speaking I have given directions to maintain necessary registers in that direction.

Customs duties paid by the merchants in the State.

153. Mr. C. P. Lonappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state what customs duties have been paid by the merchants in the State on goods imported in 1108, 1109 and 1110?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The information is not available.

Mr. C. P. Lonappan.—Is the Governmtnt aware of the usefulness of collecting statistics?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—In fact I wrote to the Customs collector on the subject and he says that his office is not maintaining separate accounts for the import duty collected from the merchants in the Cochin State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Is the Government aware of the necessity of statistics? Regarding other points, the Government said the other day no statistics are available. (Hear, hear). Why is it so? Without statistics we are groping in the dark. There is nothing to guide us.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—No statistics is available with regard to several matters.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Government no statistics?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— In the light of the answer given by the Hon'ble the Secretary to Government in answer to a question from the Hon'ble Member for Chalakudi

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that no statistics are available on various matters, will the Government be pleased to see the desirability of appointing an agency here by our Government to collect statistics?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I am sure the Hon'ble Members are aware that in the reorganisation of the Huzur Secretariat a new department called the Finance Department is organised and one of the functions of that department is attending to the collection of statistics on important matters useful for the administration of the State.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether statistics with regard to the customs duties have been taken into consideration before arriving at the 63 lakhs of rupees regarding the harbour question?

Mr. President.—Now the total amount that will be available for equal distribution between Cochin, Travancore and British is considered to be 63 lakhs of rupees.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—How did they arrive at that figure? Whether the export and import duties have not been taken into consideration before arriving at that figure of 63 lakhs?

Mr T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I think this question is outside the purview of the Legislative Council. Apart from that I may assure the Hon'ble Members that every aspect relevent to that question was taken into consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Relying on the statement made by the Government that a provision has been made for the collection of statistics in the new reorganization, I ask why in the present case this information was not supplied in the present session itself.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The reorganization came into existence only from the afternoon of the 13th Karkidagam.

Mr. President.—Does the Hon'ble Member expect a collection of statistics within these five days?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government throw further light on what all subjects statistics is going to be collected by the Finance portfolio?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Of course in the Advisory Committee which is to be constituted very soon it will be open to the non-officials of this House to give suggestions regarding that.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni— In arriving at 63 lakhs have they looked into any statistics?

Mr. President.—Who has arrived at 63 lakhs? I have not understood. TheHon'ble the Secretary pointed out that it is out of order. Before any answer is given the question must be made clear. I have not been able to understand from the Honourable Member what exactly he means by this 63 lakhs of rupees. The point is this. According to this treaty—the four party agreement—there is a certain allocation of customs revenue amongst the three parties—Government of India, Travancore and Cochin. The treaty has only provided that up to a maximum of 63 lakhs Cochin will get one third, up to 49½ lakhs Travancore will get one third. In arriving at that basis we have taken into consideration the entire customs of the port irrespective of the fact by whom the particular duty was paid either by the State or anybody else.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On that statement of the President can I get further information what is the right of Travancore to get a portion?

Mr. President.—That question cannot be answered.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I may say that we are getting the figures of the total revenue from the waters between Quilon to Munambam.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—I suppose that the total estimated revenue is 63 lakhs?

Mr. President.—It is only up to 63 lakhs. Beyond that we will get only 10 per cent. It is only an arbitrary figure.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Why is it nothing more than an arbitrary figure?

Mr. President—I am afraid we cannot have a discussion upon that.

Communications addressed to the Legislative Council Secretary—delivery of.

154. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the communications addressed to the Legislative Council Secretary from the Members and received at Ernakulam by anchal are delivered in the Council office the same day along with the other articles;

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